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In response to the Official Action of July 18, 2003, a response being due by October 18, 2003,  
please consider the following remarks:

REMARKS

In this Response, previous Claims 17 - 22 remain as previously presented for appeal. Reconsideration of the rejections, in light of the present remarks, is respectfully requested. Applicant respectfully contends that the present invention is still patentably distinguishable over the prior art references cited by the Examiner in reply to the Appeal Brief and in reply to Applicant's Response "D". As background, Applicant notes that an Appeal Brief has been filed in the present case subsequent to the rejection of the Amendment "C". The Appeal Brief set forth the arguments as to the important differences between the present invention and the prior art Rhodes patent. Applicant incorporates such arguments herein. Similarly, the previously submitted Response "D" also fully set



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